

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15

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 11 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF  
 12 MONTANA APPROVING THE BITTERROOT VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT.

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 14 WHEREAS, pursuant to 20-15-202, MCA, citizens in Ravalli County filed a petition with the Board of  
 15 Regents requesting an organizational election to approve the organization of the Bitterroot Valley Community  
 16 College District; and

17 WHEREAS, the petition met the requirements under 20-15-201 and 20-15-202, MCA, that the  
 18 proposed community college district fall within preexisting, contiguous elementary school boundaries, have a  
 19 taxable value of at least \$10 million, and have at least 700 pupils regularly enrolled in public and private high  
 20 schools within the district and met the requirement that the petition be signed by at least 20% of the proposed  
 21 district's registered voters; and

22 WHEREAS, on May 5, 2020, the registered voters of the proposed community college district approved  
 23 the establishment of the proposed community college district with 59% of the vote and elected seven trustees;  
 24 and

25 WHEREAS, under 20-15-209, MCA, following an affirmative vote by the registered electors of a  
 26 proposed community college district, the authority to ultimately approve a new community college district lies  
 27 solely with the Montana Legislature.

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1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
2 THE STATE OF MONTANA:

3 That the Montana Legislature hereby approves the establishment of the Bitterroot Valley Community  
4 College District located in Ravalli County.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State send copies of this resolution to the Board of  
6 Trustees of the Bitterroot Valley Community College District, to the Ravalli County Board of County  
7 Commissioners, and to the Board of Regents.

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